

**MINUTES**  
**OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C**  
**THURSDAY – AUGUST 21, 2008**  
**CROWN PLAZA – MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** District Governor Lion Dona Klages called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Vice District Governor Lion Grant Frazier.

**INVOCATION:** Given by Vice District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

**PROTOCOL:** Lion John Tigue established protocol.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Cabinet Secretary Lion Mary Chentnik reminded everyone that minutes are available on the website and also copies were made available this evening for review. Lions present were asked to state their name and position before speaking to assist in writing the minutes. Lions present were also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the June 5, 2008 Cabinet Meeting Minutes, there being none, District Governor Lion Dona Klages asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 5, 2008, PDG Lion Tommy Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes as written, this motion was seconded by PDG Lion Neil Bever. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Lion Neil Sheeley presented the current Financial Report, noting not much activity has occurred so far this year. The budget will be the same as last year. It was also noted that nine Clubs have not paid their dues and they received their first notice on June 23, 2008, second notice on August 11, 2008. The Zone Chairs will be asked to follow-up with these Clubs and also to stress Monthly Membership Reports. It was noted that we were billed for 1,125 members, but as of July 31, 2008, the membership is at 1,121. The Clubs are also being reminded to file their 990 to the IRS by November 11, 2008. If a Club fails to file this report they will no longer be tax exempt. Anyone needing assistance can contact Lion Neil Sheeley. The District 990 will be placed on the website. Lion Neil Sheeley also noted that the expense voucher is also available on-line. A motion was made by Lion John Tigue to approve the report as presented, seconded by PDG Lion Tommy Thompson Motion carried.

**VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:**

VDG Grant Frazier noted that the current talk is about Extension. He noted that 1976 was the last year the number of Clubs in the USA increased. District 13C will increase membership this year, we were +2 last year. He also noted that we must also retain members and keep them from going out the back door. Our Goal this year should be to "Lock the Back Door". The PDG's will be asked to assist in this effort.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:**

District Governor Dona Klages reported that there is a change in names for next year, the Deputy District Governor will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Last Sunday a training session was held in Columbus and 100 Lions from across the State attended. This Extension Training was sponsored by Lions International. The first half of the training was on Extension, the second half was Guiding Lions Training. We have territories earmarked in our District for expansion and these include Hudson, Twinsburg, Barberton, Rocky River/Westlake and Andover. We will be working the Hudson area first and contacting the Chamber of Commerce, major businesses and other influential people in the Community to get them involved in starting up a Club. Districts F & K went out this week and District F now has two new Clubs and District K has three new Clubs. Deputy District Governor Marty Dennis was recognized for Extension by District Governor Dona Klages with a pin. District Governor Lion Dona Klages also noted that power point presentations are available to anyone interested.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS CONTINUED:**

District Governor Dona Klages also reported on the re-districting proposal for Ohio and noted that Ohio will not re-district. MD-13 has received a grant for 150 workshops throughout the State and the Goal is to be +30 by the end of the year. She also noted that our District can vote at the International Convention as long as we pay our dues. She did note that two districts can merge without Lions International's approval, however, they would need approval from the Council of Governors as well as both districts.

There will be three days of training coming up and then we will begin our process to start up new Clubs. Certified Guiding Lion training is still available to anyone interested.

DG Lion Dona Klages announced that Lions International has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Lion Jimmy Carter. She noted that the International Convention in Bangkok had over 27,000 Lions in attendance. There were elephants on the streets and she even was given the opportunity to visit an elephant village and ride an elephant. It was a grand experience.

**ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:**

**ZONE 1:** Lion Ken Powell reported that the Jefferson Lions Club had a Civil War re-enactment in July with a good turn-out. The Conneaut Lions Club had a golf outing and raised money for seven scholarships of \$500 each. Ashtabula Lions Club had a dinner in July.

**ZONE 2:** Lion Chuck Barton reported that Euclid has been on a hiatus this summer. Highland has their Hole-In-One outing planned for the first Saturday in September. There will be a golf outing on September 13<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Willoughby Evening Lions Club. The Northcoast Lions Club is planning their Mystery Dinner in October. The first Zone meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mentor has four active members.

**ZONE 3:** Lion Jim Klages reported that his next Zone meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at Christy's Tavern on E. 200<sup>th</sup> and this will be hosted by Mayfield. He has visited two Clubs. Bedford had their summer Carnival and have two new members. Mayfield participated in Candy Day.

**ZONE 4:** Lion Dick Abrams reported that his first Zone Meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at Pipers III and hosted by North Royalton Lions Club. The Broadview Hts. Lions Club is up four new members, but lost two members. They are working on Bloodview which will open in September and hosted a Texas Hold-Em Event. Brookpark Lions Club has eight members and is in need of assistance in growing their Club. The Strongsville Lions Club's president has been ill and their next big event will be Christmas Tree sales. Westlake Lions Club's membership is the same and they are collecting eyeglasses. North Royalton Lions Club recently had a death in their Club, Lion Tom Cook. They are planning their Poorman's Reverse Raffle in November and are still selling pavers.

**ZONE 5:** Lion Shirley Frazier will begin her visits in September. The first Zone meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> hosted by Tallmadge. She is looking at having a joint Zone Meeting with Zone 3 at Pipers III in November.

**ZONE 6:** PDG Lion Tommy Thompson has not set a date for the first Zone meeting but it will be sponsored by Royalton Hills Lions Club. The Wadsworth Lions Club will be having their tailgate parties during football season as well as their Poinsetta sale.

PDG Lion Tommy Thompson also reported that the Toy-For-Tots kick-off will be in November for the collection of new, unwrapped toys and provided posters and other items to promote this campaign.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Youth** – Lion Cindy Palmentera reported that Lion Ron Darin, the founder of the "Good" program has T-shirts for students in elementary school who put forth their best effort. The cost is \$13 for the Clubs and this includes the T-shirt and the certificate. The State Youth Meeting was held in August for Liberty Day, the cost is \$1.00 and if every Club donates \$10.00 this will defray the cost of printing. She will be visiting the Zone meetings to discuss the program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED:**

**Membership** - Lion Wallie Burnett reported that we are at +2 right now and our goal is to continue recruitment, educate membership directors via the Bulletin and web site. This information will be sent to the Clubs and not shared only at the convention. We will continue to work with Lion Ruth Powell with the mentoring program and a set of Mentoring Books will be given to each Club.

Membership Reports show that 14 Clubs are not current and letters will be sent to the Presidents and Secretaries about the need to stay current. If they are not compliant by October, Lion Wallie Burnett will call the Club Officers and ultimately may visit the Club.

**Retention:** Lion Ruth Powell noted that she will do the best job she can and will participate in the Leadership training, possibly at Zone meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

PDG Ken Marshall noted that the audit report of last year's budget was completed and that it was a very frugal year. A Motion was made to approve the audited and final budget for 2007-2008, by PDG Lion Neil Bever, seconded by Lion R.Abrams and the Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wilbert Turner attended our meeting to present information relative to the Blind Bowler's Association. He noted that there will be a National Championship in May of 2009 and volunteers are needed. These volunteers will assist in loading buses, and at the bowling alley as pin spotters. In addition money and prizes are also needed to assist in door prizes and costs. Any help that can be obtained would be greatly appreciated.

IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore noted that the State Pins are now available and these represent various Cleveland scenes. They can be purchased for \$2.00 each from either IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore or Lion Chuck Barton.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

It was noted that the District 13-C website server is down and work is underway to get this back up and running.

Lion John Tighe reported that the Willoughby Evening Lions Club will be hosting a golf outing on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Hole sponsor forms are available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, seven tickets for \$5.00.

DDG Lion Marty Dennis reported that Stow-Munroe Falls is having their 2008 Paw Fest with their Bow Wow beach and fun time on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 to 4.

Lion Neil Sheeley reported that the Lions Eye Clinic gambling event grossed \$52,000, which netted \$36,000 for the St. Vincent Charity Lions Eye Clinic and \$1,700 for GALEP. He noted that Lion Rebecca Dobos from the Cleveland Host Lions Club volunteered all three days at the event. Her Pilot Dog, Jacks, had to be euthanized on June 21, 2008.

PDG Lion Neil Bever noted that there was a Lakewood couple looking for money to support their children in a competition in California, there have been a lot of people trying to get money from Lions and we need to be cautious about donating money and checking out these requests before pledging our money to support unknown and possible fraudulent causes.

The Royalton Hills Lions Club will have a Reverse Raffle on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Michaels Woodside.

**50/50 Raffle Winners:**

IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore  
Lion Cindy Palmentera  
PDG Lion Neil Bever.

**BENEDICTION:** District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary K. Chentnik". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lion Mary K. Chentnik  
District 13-C Cabinet Secretary